REMARKS

- 1. Applicant thanks Examiner Le and Supervisory Patent Examiner Trammel for their assistance and courtesy shown during an interview held on 13 May 2005. During the Interview, it was agreed that revisions as set forth in the attached Replacement Claims, *i.e.* that the method includes the step of "providing a user a <u>user</u> viewable version of <u>the actual</u> contents of documents residing at a server on a first cost basis, said first <u>user</u> viewable version being protected to prevent the user from performing standard operations on said version such as copying, printing or saving..." would overcome the Sprague reference.
- 2. In view of Applicant's submission herewith, the Sprague reference is deemed to be distinguished by the claims accompanied herewith. Accordingly, the claim rejections under 35 USC § 102 are deemed overcome.
- 3. With regard to the claim objections, Applicant has reviewed Claim 20 carefully but does not see that Claim 20 overlaps or is duplicative of Claim 19. Claim 19 provides a method that "determines whether a user wants multiple copies of a document; and calculates a charge for said multiple copies of said document." Claim 20 adds to these two steps, the step of "providing a certificate allowing authorized reproduction of a number of copies." Thus, Claim 19 determines that multiple copies are requested and calculates the charge for these copies, while Claim 20 provides a certificate that allows the authorized reproduction of the requested copies. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection with regard to Claim 20 is improper and should be withdrawn. Applicant has canceled Claims 76 and 77 in view of the Examiner's comments.
- 4. Claim rejections 35 USC § 112. Please see Applicant's remarks above, Claim 20 adds an additional step to the two steps of Claim 19 and is therefore proper.
- In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in allowable condition.Early notification of allowance is therefore requested and would be greatly appreciated.

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